


 National Transportation Safety Board FACTUAL REPORT AVIATION		NTSB ID: DCA97MA017		Aircraft Registration Number: N265CA	
		Occurrence Date: 01/09/1997		Most Critical Injury: Fatal	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		Investigated By: NTSB	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place MONROE	State MI	Zip Code 48161	Local Time 1554	Time Zone EST	
Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip		Distance From Landing Facility:		Direction From Airport:	
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer Embraer		Model/Series EMB-120RT		Type of Aircraft Airplane	
Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On January 9, 1997, Comair flight 3272, an Embraer EMB-120RT, N265CA, crashed while being vectored for approach to runway 3R at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. The flight was operated under Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 135 and carried 26 passengers and 3 crew members. There were no survivors, and the airplane was destroyed by impact forces and a post crash fire. Instrument meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident.</p>					
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Landing Facility/Approach Information						
Airport Name DETROIT METROPOLITAN		Airport ID: DTW	Airport Elevation 640 Ft. MSL	Runway Used 3R	Runway Length 10000	Runway Width 150
Runway Surface Type: Concrete						
Runway Surface Condition:						
Type Instrument Approach: ILS-localizer Only						
VFR Approach/Landing:						
Aircraft Information						
Aircraft Manufacturer Embraer		Model/Series EMB-120RT		Serial Number 120257		
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Transport						
Landing Gear Type: Retractable - Tricycle						
Homebuilt Aircraft? No		Number of Seats: 30		Certified Max Gross Wt. 25353 LBS	Number of Engines: 2	
Engine Type: Turbo Prop		Engine Manufacturer: P&W		Model/Series: PW118	Rated Power: 1800 HP	
- Aircraft Inspection Information						
Type of Last Inspection Continuous Airworthiness		Date of Last Inspection 12/1996	Time Since Last Inspection 89 Hours		Airframe Total Time 12752 Hours	
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information						
ELT Installed? Yes		ELT Operated?		ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?		
Owner/Operator Information						
Registered Aircraft Owner FIRST SECURITY BANK OF UTAH,		Street Address 79 SOUTH MAIN STREET				
		City SALT LAKE CITY		State UT	Zip Code 84111	
Operator of Aircraft COMAIR, INC.		Street Address P.O.BOX 75021				
		City CINCINNATI		State OH	Zip Code 45275	
Operator Does Business As: COMAIR AIRLINES				Operator Designator Code: COMA		
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held:						
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s): Commuter Air Carrier; Flag Carrier/Domestic						
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:			
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter						
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Scheduled; Domestic; Passenger Only						


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Weather Information					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation	WOF Distance From Accident Site	Direction From Accident Site
DTW	2054	EST	640 Ft. MSL	19 NM	20 Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Thin Broken			600 Ft. AGL	Condition of Light: Day	
Lowest Ceiling: Broken			600 Ft. AGL	Visibility: 0.75 SM	Altimeter: 29.00 "Hg
Temperature: -2 °C	Dew Point: -3 °C	Wind Direction: 70		Density Altitude: Ft.	
Wind Speed: 5	Gusts:	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Instrument Conditions			
Visibility (RVR): Ft.	Visibility (RVV) SM	Intensity of Precipitation:			
Restrictions to Visibility:					
Type of Precipitation: Snow					

Accident Information					
Aircraft Damage: Destroyed		Aircraft Fire: Ground		Aircraft Explosion: None	
Classification: U.S. Registered/U.S. Soil					
- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot	1				1
Second Pilot	1				1
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants	1				1
Other Crew					
Passengers	26				26
- TOTAL ABOARD -	29				29
Other Ground	0	0	0		0
- GRAND TOTAL -	29	0	0		29

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Administrative Information		
Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) RICHARD G. RODRIGUEZ		
Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation: ROBERT L HENLEY		
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